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Patent No.: 6,843,725

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Issue Notification of December 30, 2004, and the January 18, 2005 issuance of the captioned patent ("Patent"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the period for Patent Term Adjustment ("PTA") in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d). Appropriate compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.705(b)(1) and (b)(2) is submitted herewith.

Statement of Facts, as Required by §1.705(b)(2)**(i) Correct Patent Term Adjustment and Basis for Same**

Attached hereto is a copy of the front page of the Patent and a printout of the Patent Application Information Retrieval ("PAIR") page calculating the PTA history for this Patent.

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The total PTA as issued and as calculated by PAIR is 179 days, which is adjusted from the original figure of 261 days as established by the Notice of Allowance in this case. This difference of 82 days appears to be attributed to "Applicant Delay" from a single instance involving a "Mail Notice of Allowance" date to a "Mailroom Date of Issue Fee Payment" date. Applicant respectfully submits that the issue fee for this case was paid in a timely manner and was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") no later than September 27, 2004, as noted in the PTA history in PAIR and as confirmed by a returned date stamped postcard, a copy of which is also attached hereto. Because the issue fee due date was September 23, 2004, the attributed Applicant Delay of 82 days is incorrect, and the time from the issue fee due date to receipt by the USPTO could not be greater than 4 days. Accordingly, the proper PTA for this patent should be at least 257 days. Applicant respectfully submits that no other basis for "Applicant Delay" exists. In particular, Applicant notes that the change in power of attorney for this case was entered over nine months after it was first filed and received by the USPTO, and that Applicant did nothing to cause this delay.

(ii) Relevant Dates

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B. Dates re Change in Power of Attorney (no Applicant caused delay to issuance)

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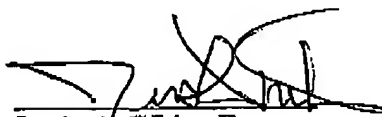
(iv) Statement of Relevant Circumstances

There are no circumstances constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of this case as set forth in § 1.704.

Applicant respectfully requests that the PTA for this Patent be reconsidered. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee for this Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(1) to Deposit Account No. 50-0388, referencing Docket No. IGT1P124. Should any issues remain with respect to this matter, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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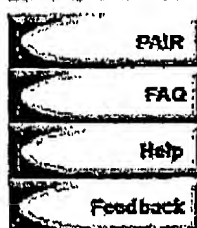
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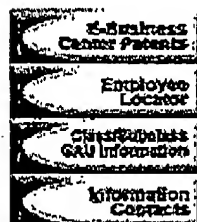
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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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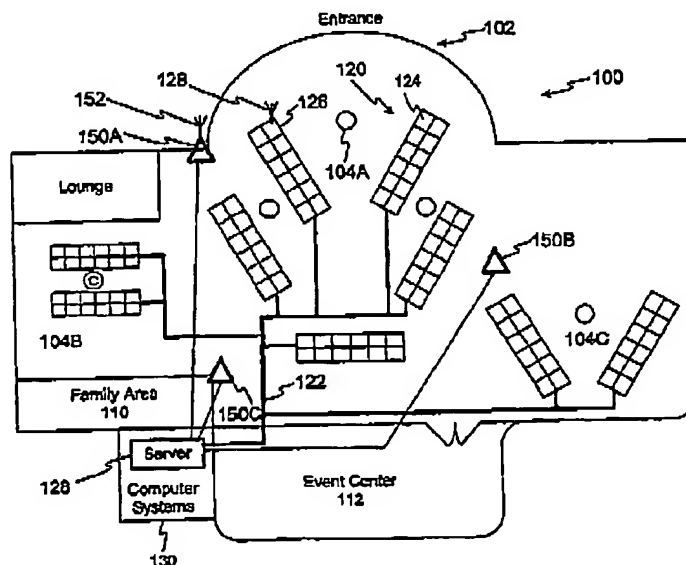
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus for tracking and determining a location of a gaming machine or other item within a casino or hotel is disclosed. In one embodiment the method and apparatus utilizes a transmitter or emitter to provide a tracking signal that may be tracked by one or more receivers or detectors. It is contemplated that the transmitter or emitter connect to a gaming machine. As the gaming machine is relocated within the casino its location is monitored. The one or more receivers may communicate with a host computer or other data processing system to generate location data regarding the gaming machine in relation to other aspects of the casino. Based on the location information generated by the location monitoring and tracking system, other aspects of machine operation may be controlled and additional features dependant on the machine location information may be enabled.

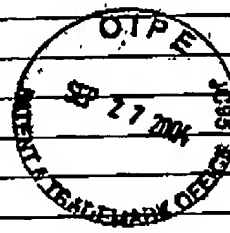
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